

Minutes (Draft)
Mead Public Library Board of Trustees
Joint Meeting with the
City Finance Committee
July 30, 2012

The joint meeting of the Mead Public Library Board of Trustees with the Common Council Finance Committee was held on Monday, July 30, 2012 in the third floor conference room at City Hall. Present Board of Trustee members were: Ms. Quinn, presiding; Ald. Carlson, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Norman, Mr. Stauber Soik, and Mr. Zylman. Unable to attend were: Mr. Nelson, Mr. Sampson, Mrs. Segalle and Ms. Wortche. Common Council Finance Committee members present were: Ald. Hammond, chair, Ald. Carlson, Ald. Dekker, Ald. Donohue, and Ald. Roeseler. Selected City and Library staff present: Chief Administrative Officer James Amodeo, City Treasurer Nancy Buss, Development Director Chad Pelishek, Police Chief Christopher Domagalski, Fire Chief Jeffrey Hermann, Director of Public Works David Biebel, Library Director Sharon Winkle, and Deputy Library Director Mark Zehfus.

1. Quinn and Hammond called their meetings to order at 5:00 p.m. Quinn determined there was a quorum of the Library Board present.
2. During the joint session, Winkle distributed handouts and presented information about library services, funding, and staffing. Winkle highlighted MPL efforts to offer services to teenagers by developing two teen centers using donated funds. Youth Services staffer Matt Beinemann was mentioned as doing great work with teens. The library helps sponsor the annual Children's Book Festival and Karin Menzer co-chairs the steering committee. Pat Mueller was recently hired to consolidate and guide volunteer activities at MPL to augment the efforts of the regular staff. Quinn reported that citizens make 340,000 visits to MPL per year, which is 120 visits per hour.

Members of the Council Finance Committee and Library Board then discussed funding matters and how MPL will meet future challenges like that posed by the publishing industry's stance on e-book sales/licenses to public libraries.

In response to a question from Hammond, Winkle reported that the percentage of checkouts from Mead by City residents is equivalent to the percentage of funding allocated to it by the Common Council. That funding level (for 2011) is currently below the first year in the distributed comparison report --2001. Hammond thanked the Library Board for attending the meeting.

3. Quinn thanked the Finance Committee for hearing the presentation and taking part in the discussions. Quinn adjourned the meeting of the Library Board at 5:46 p.m.